



Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Conducted via Remote Participation.

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Meeting ID: 834 5731 9060

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Members of the public are asked to send written comments to Laura Swan at laura.swan.TAC@gmail.com.

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Agenda.

NOTE: Times are for planning purposes only and will vary depending upon discussion. If time becomes short, some topics may be postponed to a later meeting.

- 1. 7:00 Administration – Chair (25 min).**
 - A. Notice of Remotely Conducted Meetings.
 - B. Approval of 5/10/23 meeting notes.
 - C. Officer Elections.
 - D. Correspondence.
- 2. 7:25 Public Comments (for information only, not for action) – Chair (5 min).**
- 3. 7:30 Town Issues/Activities (not already on the agenda) -- John/ Wayne/ Corey**

- (15 min).
4. **7:45 Discussion: Complete Streets Prioritization Plan**—John Alessi (10 min).
 5. **7:55 New Business: Broadway Corridor**—Laura (10 min).
 6. **8:05 New Business: Winter and Oxford St**—Laura, John Aslanian (10 min).
 7. **8:10 Update: Chestnut St Improvements**—Bill (5 min).
 8. **8:10 Park Avenue.**
 - A. **Discussion: Crosswalks at Oakland and Appleton**—Laura, Jeff (5 min).
 9. **8:15 Eastern Ave**—Laura, Jeff (5 min).
 10. **8:20 Jason St**—Jim (10 min)
 11. **8:30 Pedestrian Flag Program**—Laura, Jeff (5 min).
 12. **8:35 Adjourn**

Correspondence Received.

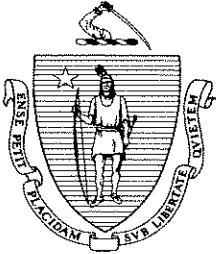
1. **“Request for Stop Sign on Regis Road.”** Letter from the Select Board to TAC, 6/6/23.
2. **“Request to Address Clearance Issues...[on Winter St].”** Letter from the Select Board to TAC, 6/6/23.
3. **“ACTION: RE: Request to make Wellesley Road one-way; Safety Concerns for Traffic Supervisors at River St.”** Memo to the Select Board from TAC, 5/11/23.

Next Meetings.

1. 7/14/23 Wednesday – Zoom.
2. 8/9/23 Wednesday – Zoom.

Attachments.

1. Governor Charles Baker’s 3/12/2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.
2. **“Request for Stop Sign on Regis Road.”** Letter from the Select Board to TAC, 6/6/23.
3. **“Request to Address Clearance Issues...[on Winter St].”** Letter from the Select Board to TAC, 6/6/23.



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CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR

KARYN E. POLITICO
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by “public bodies,” as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (“DPH”) have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

WHEREAS section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

(2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.

(3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).

(4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 1:40 PM this 12th day of
March, two thousand and twenty.

Charles D. Baker

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sandy Pooler, Town Manager
Laura Swan, Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Britton Mallard
Administrative Assistant

DATE: June 6, 2023

RE: Request for Stop Sign on Regis Road

The Select Board at the meeting of June 5th, 2023, referred the attached to you for your review and recommendations back to the Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

attachment

BM

Please install a stop sign on Regis Road and Everett St. in East Arlington

Aaron Charlwood <aaron@russellst.com>

Thu 5/25/2023 5:28 AM

To: SBadmin <SBadmin@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Response to Your DPW Sign Request:: W151563-051823;

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Hi Ashley,

I asked the DPW about installing a stop sign at a potentially dangerous intersection; they recommended that I write to the select board (see attached email).

Regis Road was recently repaved; previously it was full of gravel, potholes, and broken pavement. There is no stop sign on Regis Road at the intersection of Regis and Everett Street. Motorists are now able to proceed at a high rate of speed from Regis onto Purcell, bordering the Thompson Elementary School, across Everett Street, without stopping. This is an area where children regularly walk and ride their bikes to school or to the playground at Lussiano Field.

My family was almost hit by a car last Thursday morning at this intersection ([see video here](#)). Please ask the DPW to install a stop sign on Regis Road here as soon as possible.

If this is not the right channel for this request, please let me know.

Thank you,

-Aaron Charlwood, 11 Wheaton Rd.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Swan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Britton Mallard
Administrative Assistant

DATE: June 6, 2023

RE: Request to Address Clearance Issues Caused by Reduction of Street Width

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RECEIVED BY THE
SELECT BOARD OFFICE
ARLINGTON, MA 02476

2023 MAY 19 AM 9:20

Bob Radochia

May 17, 2023

45 Columbia Road

Arlington, MA

To the Selectboard;

Subject: Winter Street Parking

It has been brought to my attention that there are ongoing difficulties for residents with getting out of their driveways when vehicles are parked beyond their curb cuts and parked on the opposite side of the street along a 400' length of reduced street width. The problem can occur any time of the day particularly during the weekends and some Lesley Ellis school events.

This is a request to reconsider my November 17, 2017 request to address the clearance issues caused by the reduction of the street width from 24' down to 22'-7". I believe MassDOT requires a 24' minimum width and could request the town to make changes to correct the nonconformance. A simple solution to address the complaints would be to add No Parking signs on the poles up to the end of the tennis courts where the street returns to a 24' width.

B. Radochia

Bob Radochia

Attachments: 1, November 17, 2017 letter

2, Winter St Curb to Curb Dimensions

Bob Radochia

November 27, 2017

45 Columbia Rd

Arlington, MA

781-648-1196

This is a request to extend the no parking restrictions for an additional four hundred feet along the northerly side of Winter St. between house numbers 31 and 55. It is along this length of roadway the street width narrows down from 24' to 22'-7" and then back to 24'.

The recommended road width for residential streets is 24-26 feet. The recommended minimum travel lane width is 10-12 feet. I have noted that Cleveland St. is 28' feet wide, Oxford St. is 24' feet wide, and Winter St. is mostly 24' except for the above-mentioned section that narrows down to 22'-7".

Recently there have been tense situations when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street in this 400-foot zone. Most vehicles are parked within 7'-3" off the curb, and when two vehicles are parked opposite each other the travel lane is reduced to 8'-0". Most passenger vehicles can get through the 8'-0" travel lane. Commercial vehicles that are 7"-0" to 8'-6" wide are not always able to clear the opening when factoring in mirrors, which protrude between 4"-8".

Winter St is an extension of Lake St. and is often used as a direct route to Broadway from Mass. Ave. for all types of passenger and commercial vehicles. It is also the longest street (1,600 feet) in Arlington without a side street or intersection throughout its entire length. The playground and tennis courts on the left give drivers a sense of an open and unobstructed line of sight which often encourages drivers to speed up after the "End School Zone" sign. A speed limit sign after the ESZ sign may help to keep the speed down to the new 25 MPH we now have throughout the town.

Sincerely



Bob Radochia

Attached: Partial street plan showing the area of concern.

Town of Arlington, MA

*Map to east
curb to curb dimensions*



CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Property Damage @ 235 Gray Street
John and Frances Kotelly, 235 Gray Street
Mrs. Mahon made motion to refer letter to Town Manager. SO VOTED (4-0)

Arlington Libraries Foundation's Annual Appeal
Karin Varnik Barrett, Chair, Arlington Libraries Foundation

Request to Extend No Parking Section and Add Speed Limit Sign on Winter Street
Bob Radochia, 45 Columbia Road
Mrs. Mahon made motion to refer letter to Town Manager. SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon announced that the Pop Warner Cheerleaders will be going to Disney World on December 7th to compete in the Nationals.

Mrs. Mahon asked Town Manager Chapdelaine if the Gibbs School project would be ready for the school year, September 2018. Mr. Chapdelaine stated they had some surprises hidden behind the walls and windows that were embedded in the walls, but they are being corrected. Mr. Chapdelaine feels the construction team has done a great job.

Mr. Curro announced that he would be a candidate for reelection to the Board in April, 2018.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

12-4-17

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	Vote: Chapter 268A, Section 20(b)(3) Contract Certification Michael Rademacher, Director, Department of Public Works (tabled from 11/20/17 meeting)
2	Hawkes special beer and wine application on 12/30/17 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall
3	Fernia special beer and wine application on 12/31/17 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall